

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-45 and 54 as follows:

1-45. (canceled).

46. (original) A method of facilitating and assuring cleaning of substrates in a printer, comprising:

- a. moving to a print station a succession of substrates that may be undesirably laden with debris;
- b. moving through the print station a replaceable consumable transfer medium used in the print station;
- c. upstream of the print station, at least assisting in the cleaning of the substrates with a replaceable consumable cleaning structure whose useful life is related to the useful life of the consumable transfer media; and
- d. unalterably linking the installation and replacement of the consumable transfer media and the consumable cleaning structure so that they must be installed and replaced together as a unit.

47. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein:
said printer consumable comprises a transfer ribbon.

48. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein:
said cleaning structure presents a tacky or sticky surface.

49. (original) The method of claim 48 wherein:
said cleaning structure comprises a tacky or sticky belt or web.

50. (original) The method of claim 48 wherein:
said cleaning structure comprises a tacky or sticky roller.

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51. (original) The method of claim 48 wherein:
said cleaning structure is configured to present a sticky surface to a primary cleaning member that engages and cleans the substrate.

52. (original) The method of claim 48 wherein:
said cleaning structure is configured to directly engage and clean the substrate.

53. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein:
said unalterably linking comprises providing a cartridge that holds the transfer media and supports the cleaning structure.

54. (canceled).